

REMARKS

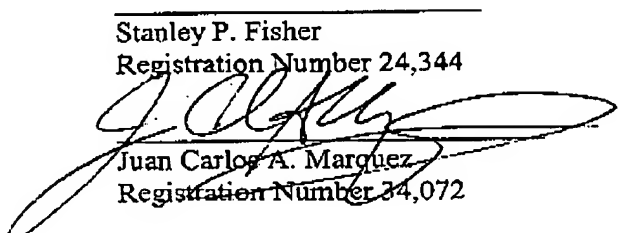
The above election along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Examiner's phone call on November 5, 2003. The Examiner is respectfully requested to review the substance of Group I: claims 1-5, 11-14 and to indicate the allowability of the claims.

Group I, as recited in claims 1-5, 11-14 drawn to a photomask was elected in this application. The other Species and other claims are withdrawn from further prosecution without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file divisional applications on any or all of the non-elected claims.

Substantive consideration of the elected claims is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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